

Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

20. (Twice Amended) A method of drug screening an individual, comprising the steps of: obtaining a urine sample from said individual;

providing an assay member supporting a substrate having a surface adapted to be contacted with said urine sample;

at least one assaying indicia provided upon said surface and having an initial encoded value, said indicia capable of changing to a second encoded value in response to said contact with said sample,

said assaying indicia including at least one analysis element, at least one fixed element, and at least one blank region therebetween and being machine readable only and not human interpretable in the absence of said machine reading, so that others viewing said indicia after said contact with said sample are unable to directly interpret the results of the individual's drug screening assay without said machine reading;

machine reading said assaying indicia after said urine contacting step to ascertain the drug screen results; and

storing said drug results in electronic memory.

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22. (Amended) An assay arrangement designed for drug screening of an individual, said arrangement comprising:

a substrate having a surface adapted to be contacted with a urine sample from said individual; and at least one assaying indicia provided upon said surface and having an initial encoded value, said indicia capable of changing to a second encoded value in response to said contact with said sample.

said assaying indicia including at least one analysis element, at least one fixed element, and at least one blank region therebetween and being machine readable only and not human interpretable in the absence of said machine reading so that others viewing said indicia after said contact with said sample are unable to directly interpret the results of the individual's drug screening assay without said machine reading.